भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक अधिनियम, 1934 के अनतर्गत भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक में निहित शक्तियों से परे हैं। कार्यन्वयन करने वाली एजेंसियों से यह आशा की जाती है कि यह सुनिश्चित करें कि परिसंपत्तियों का सृजन गरीबी उन्मूनल कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत किया गया है।

Shortrali in Printing of Notes

3772. SHRI SOLIPETA RAM-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI printing units in the country are printing notes to full capacity;

(b) if so, the reasons for shortfall in the country; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to utilise the full capacity to stop import of currency notes and to meet the shortage?

MINISTER OF HNANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) The RBI printing units at Mysore and Salboni are presently having plant and machinery for jne line of production. Present installed opacity on the basis of one shift at Vlysore and double shift at Salboni, is 1800 million pieces against which the production was 1761 million pieces during he year 1997-98.

(b) Before the RBI printing presses ommenced production, the currency lOtes were printed only at Currency Note 'ress, Nasik and Bank Note Press, De-'as. These two printing presses together re able to meet only about 35% of the emand for fresh notes by RBI.

(c) When all the lines of machines at .BI printing presses come into full pro-action, by end of the year, the presses ould be able to produce 4770 million eces of note each. Besides the Govern-ent note-printing presses at Nasik and ewas also being modernised. After mpletion of the modernisation prog-mme by end of this year thier produc-n capacity will also be increased from 75 million pieces to 8300 million pieces r year. In order to meet the shortage uation Governnjient has also permitted RBI to import printed notes of 3600 million pieces, as a one time measure.

Accumulation of Tax arrears

3773. DR. JAGANNATH MISRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of tax arrears is accumulating in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor both in respect of direct and indirect taxes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to solve the problem and achievement made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases of irregularities in State Bank of Indore

3774. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 165 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the cases of the Union Leaders/employees found guilty of misusing the house loan advance and on whom penalty of withholding of 2/6 increments was imposed been settled and punishments reduced by the Bank;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the enquiry against the officer at Gwalior (staying for the last 8 years) has since been completed; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) The disciplinary proceedings initiated against the employees in the public sector banks are governed by the well-established